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In accordance with Applicant's continuing duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.97 (b)(3), the following patents are brought to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and specifically to the attention of the Examiner assigned to the subject patent application. The submitted documents are listed on the attached PTO Form. A copy of any cited reference which is not a U.S. patent is enclosed herewith.

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A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language prior art patents under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), as presently understood by the individual designated in §1.56(c) as most knowledgeable about the content of the information is set forth below.

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For an English-language equivalent for this German reference, please refer to U.S. Patent No. 6,316,378.

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